

In re JW: Implications for Practice

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn about the Wyoming Supreme Court case: *In the Interest of: JW and BJ, JR, Minor Children LW* (2010 WY 28);
2. Understand the federal and Wyoming law used to support the court's conclusion that "there exists a compelling preference that what is "best" for a child in circumstances such as those presented here, is placement with nuclear or extended family members."
3. Review of related Department of Family Services policy, specifically policies on relative placement, diligent search and preserving connections (DFS Policies 5.2.4, 5.2.6, 5.6 and 5.7)
4. Understand how the court's decision affects practice for attorneys and case workers.